From the California State Legislature Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons

From: The Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection

Date: November 9, 2004

Subject: Re-Scheduled Dates of Public Hearings – January 4th, 5th and 6th, 2005

The Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection will be holding hearings January 4th, 5th, and 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room 4203 of the State Capitol. (As you may have heard, the hearings were originally scheduled to be held on December 7th, 8th, and 9th, but scheduling conflicts required the hearings to be postponed. However, the Medical Board will still be heard on December 9th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. in Room 4203 of the State Capitol.)

The Joint Committee is required to review all of the State's regulatory and administrative boards, including those under the Department of Consumer Affairs.

It is also the responsibility of the Joint Committee to determine whether a board or commission – and the program it implements – should endure or sunset. Moreover, it is the responsibility of the Joint Committee to propose changes that should be made to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of these boards and their programs.

The following boards and programs are scheduled for review. They are listed in order of appearance before the Joint Committee:

January 4^h

- 1. Court Reporters Board
- 2. Board of Behavioral Sciences
- 3. Acupuncture Board

January 5th

4. Board of Psychology

- 5. Structural Pest Control Board
- 6. Osteopathic Medical Board

January 6th

- 7. Cemetery & Funeral Bureau
- 8. Board of Geologists & Geophysicists

Sunrise Issues

The public, consumer advocates, and interested professional groups and organizations will be provided an opportunity to testify at the hearings. However, since there may be very limited time for oral testimony, we request that witnesses provide the Joint Committee with written testimony prior to the hearings. It will be made a permanent part of the hearing record for future review and reference. If you would like to be added to the agenda to provide oral testimony, please contact the Joint Committee at (916) 324-2506, and ask for Angela Baber. We will accommodate as many members of the public that we reasonably can.

The following is an outline of the agenda for each board reviewed:

- A. Board presents overview of the current regulatory program.
- B. Board response to identified issues, questions of the Committee, and preliminary staff recommendations.
- C. Public comment.
- D. Comment by professional individuals, groups, or associations.
- E. Closing comments by the Board.

Three or more members of any of the Boards being reviewed may be present.